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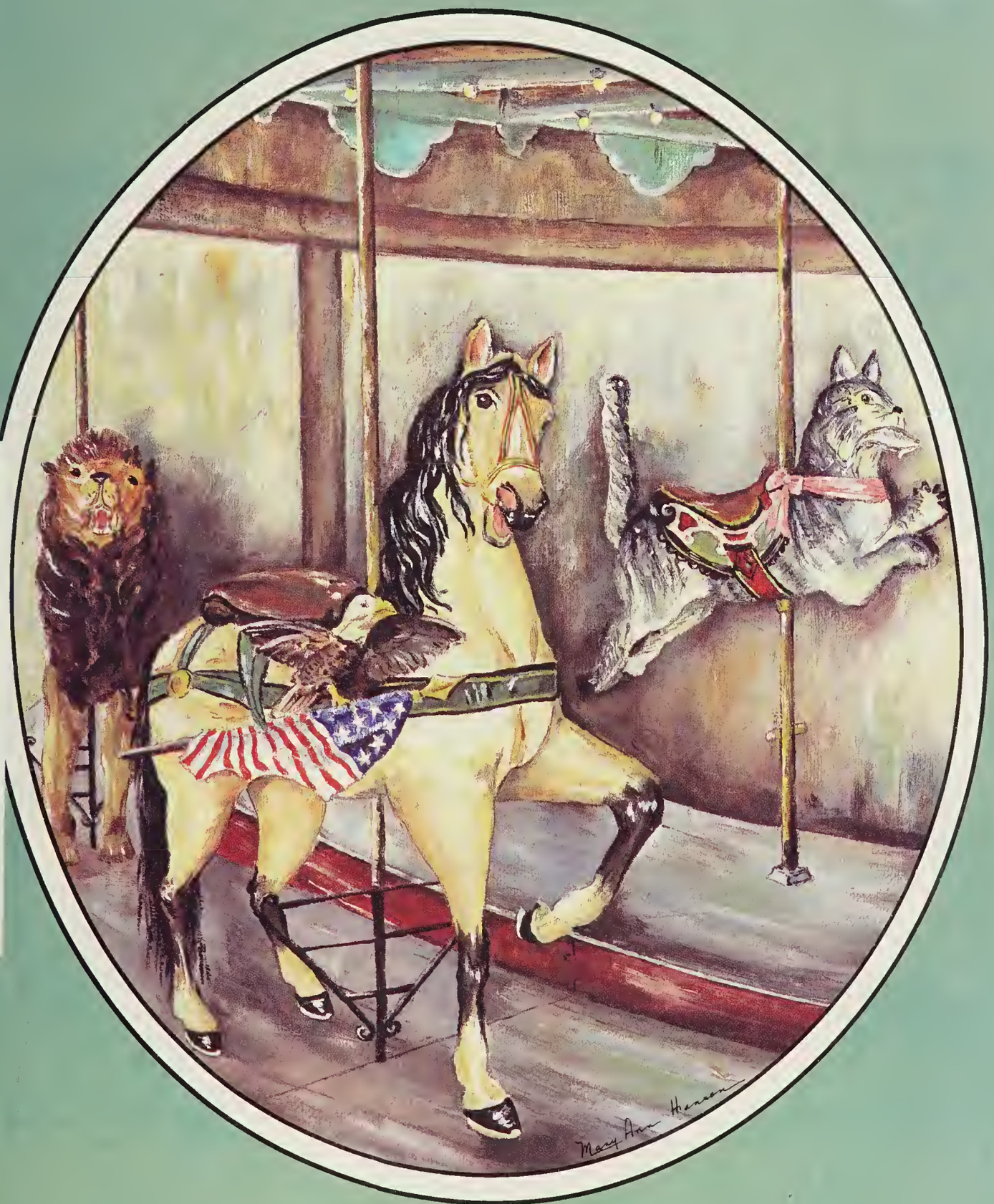

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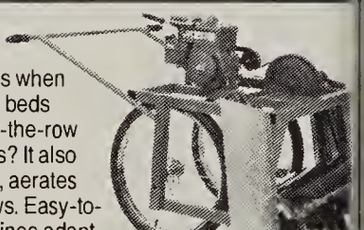

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Educational Opportunities In Rural Areas

orth Carolina's 'Most Urgent Need'

The following editorial is reprinted from aleigh News and Observer.

Twenty-five years ago, the rallying cry for omically depressed rural North Carolina ndustry!" And industry came—chiefly age, low-skill manufacturing jobs that d a limited living for poorly educated rs. Still, it was better than the dry dirt cant field.

ut the needs of modern industry have d, and one of those needs is for a more skilled work force. North Carolina still liver the dry field. It cannot deliver h better-educated workers with mar- e skills.

hat paints the rural areas of the state into essing corner. They host industries like s and apparel companies that pay less nanufacturers requiring more skills. And the skills of the workers in rural areas ve, those areas are unlikely to draw more sticated industry with higher wages.

study by the Federal Reserve Bank of ond finds that many desirable firms nore the prospect of a rural site for manufacturing plants if they can find one city. The choice for them is simple—ave to go where the skilled hands are.

he study inevitably points again to the rgent need in North Carolina—educa- at can help those in rural areas lift themselves beyond their limited horizons. For as industry becomes more and more sophisticated, there will be fewer and fewer jobs for those with limited skills. The poor will be poorer. The dry fields will remain vacant.

Too many of North Carolina's leaders have touted the need for higher-paying industry without facing up to the state's responsibility to provide that industry with what it needs—workers sufficiently educated to understand complex machinery, for one example. Many companies won't open the door for anyone without a high school diploma and some training beyond.

Some 27 percent of North Carolina's youngsters drop out before completing high school. In many rural areas, the figure is higher. The state's per-capita income ranked 34th in the nation for 1988, despite an increase. Those two figures are inexorably linked.

There is no quick fix, but education is the only place to start—and that includes public early childhood education to give poor youngsters a head start on school.

If they can break the cycle of poor childhood to impoverished adulthood, they can help rural North Carolina break the cycle of low-wage jobs for undereducated workers—and catch up with the evolution of modern industry.

me Food-For-Thought On Food

hen various farm organizations wanted to t point with members of Congress ly, they came up with a clever tactic: they e legislators paper grocery bags brim- vith food items.

rganizers said the bags were intended to lesson in the economics of agriculture, attention to the farmer's slim return from item's retail price. They cited several les:

- cents for a quart of milk.
- 2 cents for the corn sweetener in a soft drink worth 50 cents.
- 33 cents for pork sausage costing $2.25.
- 30 cents for cooking oil costing consumers up to four times more.
- 5 cents for beans priced at 59 cents.
- 4 cents for 44 cents' worth of peanuts.
- 8 cents for spaghetti costing 79 cents.

The project provided lawmakers with some revealing food-for-thought that could help them forge a strong and effective farm bill for 1990.

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Cover: "The Carousel's Patriot

Our cover this month features "The Carousel's Patriot," an original painting by Mary Ann Hanson of Raleigh.

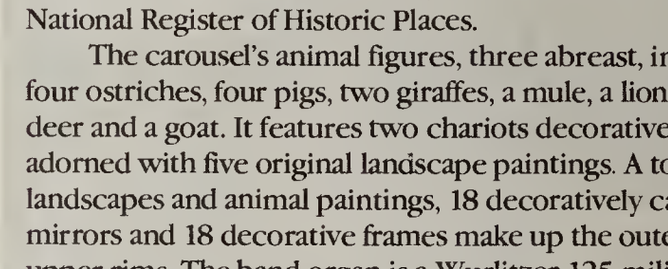
The acrylic image depicts three of the colorful animals on th historic carousel at Raleigh's Pullen Park.

Mrs. Hanson, a Rochester, NY, native, works primarily in pe cil and acrylics. Several of her black-and-white pencil treatments historic sites in Charleston, SC, have been offered as limited editi prints. She studied art in high school and at the Rochester Institu of Technology.

When the Pullen Park carousel was refurbished several yea ago, she painted a number of images of it, with particular attenti to the "Patriot" horse.

"I liked his proud stature as he displays our flag," she said.

Mrs. Hanson, who joined North Carolina Electric Membersh Corporation three years ago as a load forecasting technician, pla to issue signed-and-numbered limited edition prints of "The Carousel's Patriot." She said one of them will become a special gi for one of her seven children—h son, Carl, who celebrates h birthday on July 4. The prints will feature image size of 11" x 14" or 17" x 22" paper. Th are priced at $3(each, including shipping charge



To order a copy, write to Mrs. Hanson at 4705 Quail Hollow Dri Raleigh, NC 27609. Allow four to six weeks for delivery.

The carousel, a circa 1900 Dentzel, is the state's only survivi "trolley-park" carousel. From 1912 to 1921 it was located at Rale Bloomsbury Park. The City of Raleigh bought it in 1921 and tran ferred it to Pullen Park. In 1976, the carousel was accepted for t National Register of Historic Places.

The carousel's animal figures, three abreast, include 29 hor four ostriches, four pigs, two giraffes, a mule, a lion, a tiger, a rei deer and a goat. It features two chariots decoratively carved and adorned with five original landscape paintings. A total of 34 orig landscapes and animal paintings, 18 decoratively carved and gild mirrors and 18 decorative frames make up the outer and inner upper rims. The band organ is a Wurlitzer 125 military band org

Restoration efforts began in 1978 and were completed in 1 at a total cost of $330,000.

The carousel operates through Labor Day on the following schedule: Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Fri and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 8 p.m.

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Ray Stevens Highlights Fundraiser

Country music star Ray Stevens will perform Aug. 17 at the Charlotte Civic Center as part of the North Carolina Poultry Federation's annual fund-raising activities.

Stevens, who topped the pop charts in the 70s with "Everything Is Beautiful" and "The Streak," has been continuing his string of hits on the country charts for the past few years. He was a 1980 inductee into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Tickets for the fund-raising concert are $150 each.

The event comes on the heels of the festivities last month marking June as "Turkey Lovers' Month" in North Carolina. The month-long celebration was proclaimed by Gov. Jim Martin.

In a proclamation, the governor reminded citizens that North Carolina is No. 1 in turkey production and the industry pumps more than $338 million into the state's economy each year.

For more information on the fund-raising concert, contact the N. C. Poultry Federation, 4020 Barrett Dr., Suite 102, Raleigh, NC 27609. Phone: (919) 783-8218.

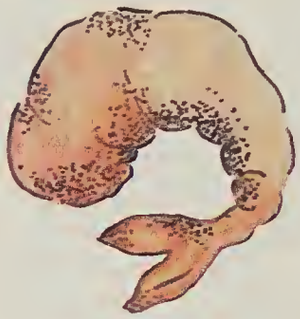
Craft Exhibit To Premiere In Charlotte

Charlotte's Mint Museum will be the first stop on a North American tour for a major exhibition featuring crafts of the 1980s.

Entitled, "Art That Works: The Decorative Arts of the Eighties, Made in America," the exhibit will feature more than 130 crafted objects, including rugs, lamps, clocks and glass.

The exhibit will run from Aug. 19 through Oct. 7.

For more information on the exhibition, contact the Mint Museum, 2730 Randolph Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207. Phone: (704) 337-2000.



Shrimp Festival Set For Aug. 11

Shrimp will be in ample supply Aug. 11 at the 20th Annual Sneads Ferry Shrimp Festival in Onslow County.

A parade at 11 a.m. will begin the day of activities, which include crafts, music, a carnival, military displays and food.

For more information, contact the festival at Rt. 1, Box 13, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460.

"Cool" Craft Fair Scheduled

Air-conditioned comfort is in store for participants at the 1990 Currituck Craft Fair in Barco Aug. 11-12.

The fair, sponsored by the Currituck Extension Homemakers Association, will be in the Currituck High School lobby and cafeteria.

Admission is $ adults and 50 ce for children und Proceeds will be the association's community proj

For more info tion about the Fa call the Currituc County Extensio Office at (919) 232-2261.

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Cumberland County: A Brief tory, published b North Carolina D sion of Archives, 158-page paperb book that covers torical events in county from its f tion in 1754 thr the 1980s.

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Exporting Efforts Draw Honors

Jim Wilder of Franklin County, executive vice president of the North Carolina Soybean Producers, and Concord Farms in Concord have been honored for their efforts in exporting Tar Heel products.

Wilder received the Agricultural Export Service Award while Concord Farms received the Agricultural Exporter of the Year Award. Both awards were presented by the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

In his 18 years with the N. C. Soybean Producers, Wilder has helped develop international markets for soybeans in China, Japan, Australia and many other countries.

Concord Farms, a division of a British company, opened export markets for whole duckling and duckling parts around the world.

The two were the first recipients of the new NCDA awards.

Last year, agricultural exports from North Carolina approached $2 billion.

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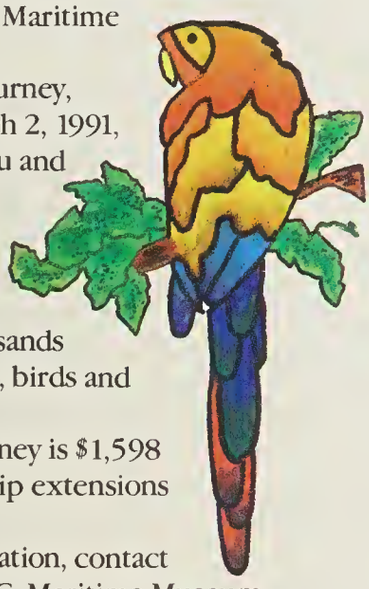

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ıe passion play is in its third sea- it the Carteret ity site. It will be presented through Sept. 1.

Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens and $6 for children ages 7 to 12.

To order tickets or for more information, write or call the Crystal Coast Amphitheatre at P.O. Box 1004, Swansboro, NC 28584. Phone: (919) 393-8373. Toll-free: (800) 662-5960.

Farm Toy Show Set For Aug. 11

A variety of farm toys will be featured at a Farm Toy Show, Aug. 11, at the Ramada Inn in Burlington.

Collectors will be exhibiting and selling toys and toy parts from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. An auction is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

For more information, write or call Rick Murray at 6416 Osceola-Ossipee Road, Gibsonville, NC 27249. Phone: (919) 584-7442 after 6 p.m.

Gospel Singing Jubilee Slated In Watauga County

Ten top gospel music groups will be featured at the Eighth Annual Gospel Singing Jubilee, Aug. 9-12, at the High Country Fairgrounds on Highway 421 east of Boone.

Hosting the event will be the singing Greenes, a Watauga County gospel group that will appear at each of the performances.

Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. each day, Aug. 9-11, with the gates opening at 5 p.m. Tickets will be sold only at the gate. Patrons are urged to bring lawn chairs to the performances.

A worship service is planned for 11 a.m. Aug. 12.

The groups scheduled to appear are: Aug. 9, Kingsmen Quartet, Primitive Quartet and the Perrys; Aug. 10, Gold City Quartet, the Inspirations, Ambassadors of Hope; Aug. 11, Charles Johnson and the Revivers; Dixie Melody Boys and the Heavenbound.

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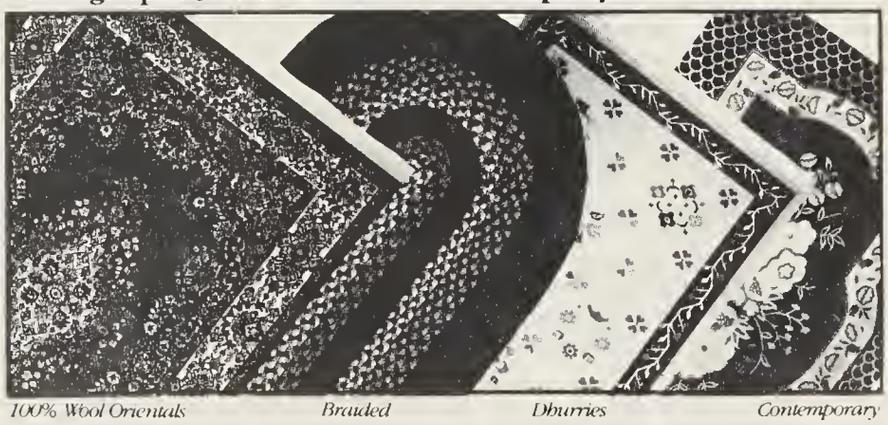

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The softcover cookbook, which sells for $10.50 per copy, features recipes using quality foodstuffs produced in North Carolina. Various categories include appetizers, main dishes—pork, beef, poultry and seafood—salads, soups, vegetables, tasty breads and salad dressings. Side dishes, beverages and desserts are also included.

Recipes were provided by a number of food processors who participate in the four-year-old "Goodness Grows in North Carolina" promotion, which is aimed at encouraging use of top quality foods produced in North Carolina. Other recipes ca from the N. C. Department of Agriculture, and trade associations a commodity organizations representing various Tar Heel products, including poultry, eggs, pork, soybeans, grapes, corn, sweet potat berries, apples and dairy products.

A special celebrity section has favorite recipes of well-known citizens. Gov. James G. Martin contributed Carolina apple cake wh Sen. Terry Sanford included his recipe for cheese grits. Fourth Dis Rep. David Price also has an apple cake recipe, and Sen. Jesse Helr has a fruit cobbler that can be made with peaches or fresh blueber

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, whose Division of M keting operates the "Goodness Grows in North Carolina" progra has a pet formula for Tar Heel Brunswick stew, and Evangelist Bill Graham included a casserole of Irish potatoes.

The late Ava Gardner contributed banana nut bread—to be served with cream cheese.

For more information about how to order the cookbook, see the "Goodness Grows" ad, page 14.

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fter reading about the "Brass Bowl Syn-" in *Carolina Country* (May issue), I'd at according to *Our Inner Conflicts* by Horney, M.D., Mr. Duncan quite accu- depicted a husband who had sadistic ncies.

lany people are afflicted with this neu- which can be at the root of so much in the U. S. So it is important to be able t and, as was noted in the article, to early signs of sadism. But sadism is very licated behavior and it may be very diffi- r a sadist to voluntarily adopt and then the examples listed in the article's last aph.

A. P. Saboz
Louisburg

ials Turn "A Deaf Ear" To Concept urrent-Operated Generators

he editorial, "U. S. Must Forge An y Policy," in the March, 1990, issue is point. Yet we as citizens are asked to e an elite group of people whose only st is job protection and supporting the y companies. Nuclear energy, oil, gas al are the only sources that are being ted.

n Eastern North Carolina the potential for new sources of energy. One is cur- perated generators, which could be n jetties at Oregon Inlet. These would lt on the outside end of the jetties much rrel windmills. Current moving up and the coast, or into and out of the inlet turn these structures. It is estimated sable amounts of electricity would be ted 340 days per year. In major storms ction would exceed demand.

he Energy Department turns a deaf ear project. Is it because it creates cheap, nt energy? Could it be that current- ed generators would be too efficient? wo oil-fired generators are being built Outer Banks. The shame is that the Department and Coastal Area Manage- fficials will not consider allowing t-operated structures to be built along ast.

The structures at Hatteras could serve a dual purpose, generating electricity and protection of the lighthouse. The structures at Oregon Inlet would generate electricity, protect the bridge, offer a fishing platform for recreation fishing and offer safety to both commercial and recreational boats while helping establish a tidal action that would clean up the water in the sounds.

The Energy Department feels this type of project is not useful to the national policy. Is it that the public can not be charged for current and sunlight that these projects are not useful?

It is time that those in Congress and the Energy Department realize that they are appointed by the public and are not holy anointed.

James Fletcher, Manns Harbor

"Thank You For Your Continuing Service"

Thank you for your beautiful notice of my Herbfest at Goldenrod Mountain Herbs in your May, 1990, issue. The colors and herb plants illustration drew the eye directly to the message and I feel that your magazine deserves much credit for bringing nearly 300 people to my tiny herb farm. I began receiving phone calls from as far east as New Bern and as far west as Asheville three days before my copy was delivered by mail.

The event was a splendid success. Thank you for your continuing service to your customers.

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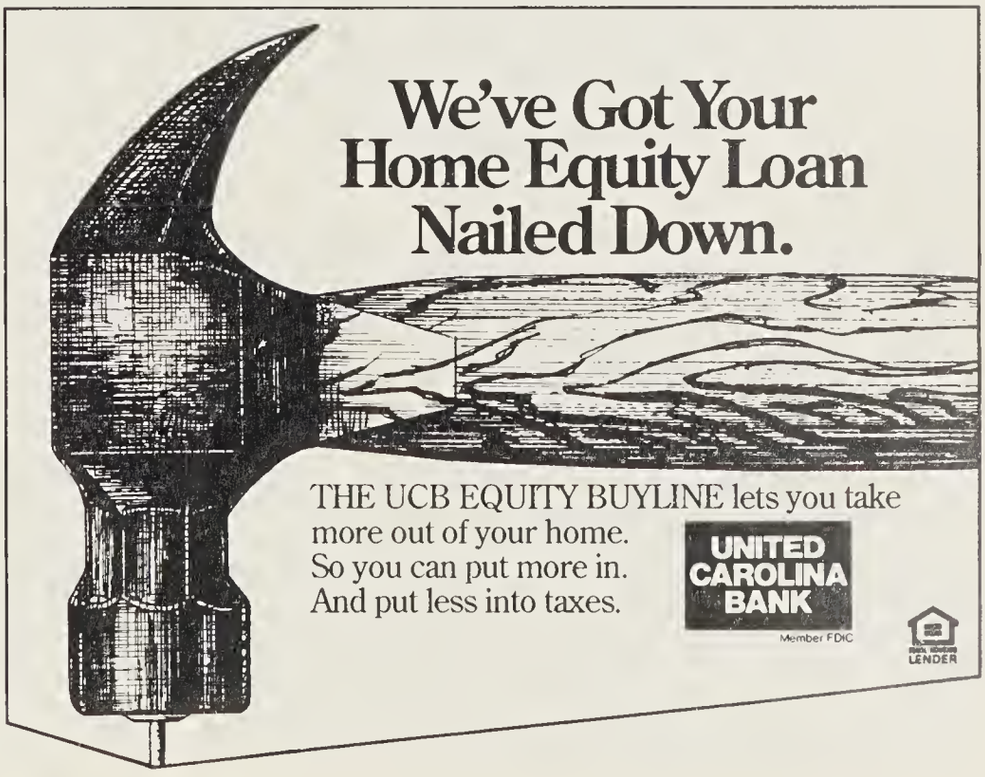
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Alternative Energy Agency Projects Honor

The North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation (AEC) has received five Environmental Achievement Awards for projects that promote more efficient uses of energy by farmers, consumers, business and industry.

The awards were presented by a coalition of 22 environmental groups as part of "Searching for Success," a nationwide campaign to identify successful environmental programs.

AEC is an independent not-for-profit organization created by the N. C. Utilities Commission in 1980. The state's electric utilities, including North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC), support the corporation's efforts to find more efficient uses of energy.

The award-winning AEC programs were Compact Fluorescent Lights for Poultry Houses, Variable Speed Airflow Devices for Lumber Dry Kiln Fans, N. C. Heat Pump Skills Center, Self-Help Energy Conservation for Nonprofit Organizations and the Performing Energy Program.

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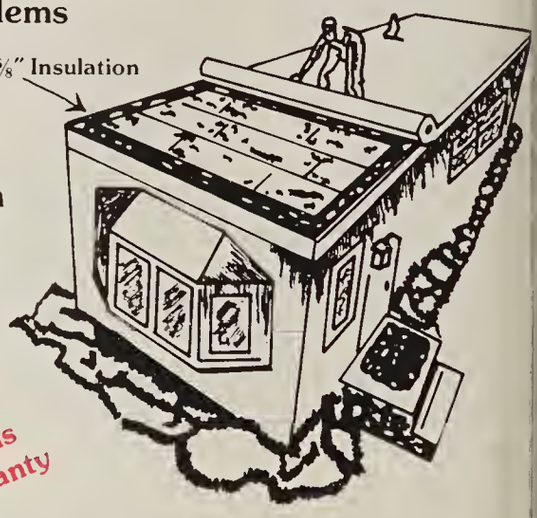

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mpany Ordered To Stop lling Surge Suppressor vice In North Carolina

A North Carolina court has ordered a Flor- mpany to stop selling a so-called "energy- g" voltage surge suppressor in the state. The prohibits Solar Sales, Inc., of Fort Lauder- om selling its "Power Guard" suppressor, had been marketed as a device that would onsumers money on their power bills.

n response to the court order, the com- dmitted no wrong-doing but agreed to l purchase contracts and make refunds in Carolina. Solar Sales must pay $15,000 in enalties and $10,000 in legal and investiga- osts. The company was also required to ice for court approval reliable scientific evi- validating future energy-saving claims for duct.

tate Attorney General Lacy Thornburg said vice is worthless, and the company took tage of people who were not familiar with ical engineering.

It's easy to see how consumers with little ledge of the principles of electrical engi- g could easily be swayed with the firm's s of substantially reduced power con- tion in the use of their device."

he firm's claims "were discredited by qualified energy professionals in sworn vits," he said.

he final court order settles a December mer protection lawsuit alleging that Solar nd its representatives misled buyers the potential savings on power bills.

ecords in Thornburg's consumer protec- ffice said Solar Sales sold a thousand or of the devices in North Carolina, at nearly) for residential models and $1,500 for ss models.

its lawsuit, the state said retail prices for nt voltage surge suppressors usually from $6-$25 for individual wall outlet mod- l up to $100 for whole-house models.

he devices were sold through a multi-level ting and distribution network.

nvestigations of the firm's promotions for duct found no basis for claims that the r Guard"—or any other transient voltage surge suppressor device—is capable of appreciably reducing the consumption of electrical energy, Thornburg said.

State expert witnesses said the "Power Pack," a demonstration device used by Solar Sales, is deceptive because it reflects only a reduction in amperage, which is the measure of an electrical current and does not indicate reduced power use. The reduced amperage shown when the demonstrator was turned on merely reflects the presence of small capacitors in the device.

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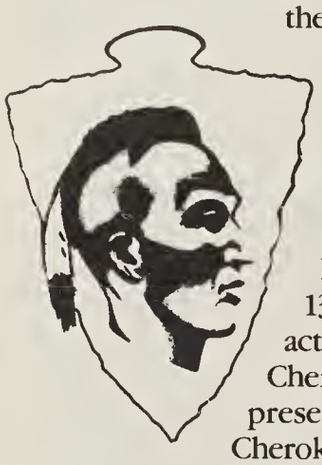

Another attraction is the Oconaluftee Indian Village, an authentic Cherokee community of the 1750 period. Here, Cherokee men and women, dressed in native costumes, make weapons, dugout canoes, colorful baskets, beadwork and pottery while visitors watch. They use the primitive tools of their ancestors and raw materials brought in from the forest to build fish traps, blow guns and darts and bows and arrows. Visitors see Cherokee homes of the 1750 period, a hot house, and Council House, used for important ceremonies.

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The Museum of the Cherokee is open year-around, Oconaluftee Indian Village is open May 15 through October 25; and "Unto These Hills" is presented through Aug. 25, nightly except Sundays.

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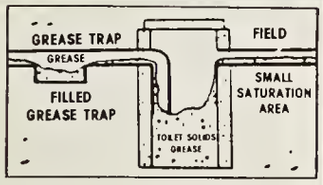

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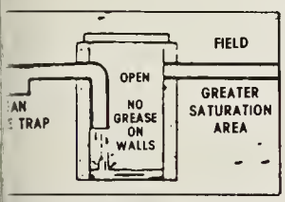

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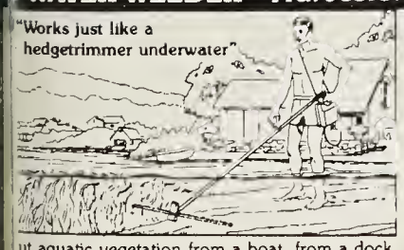

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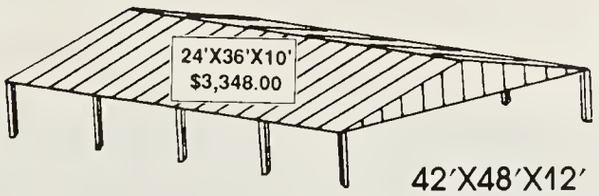

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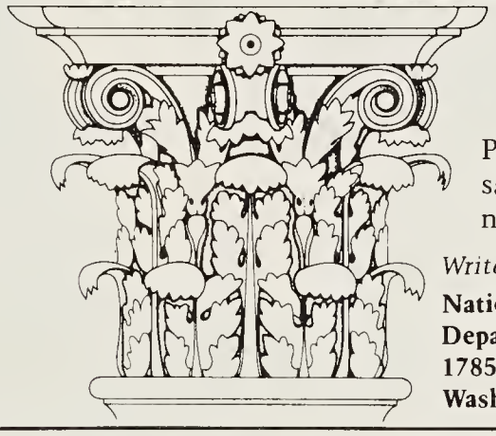

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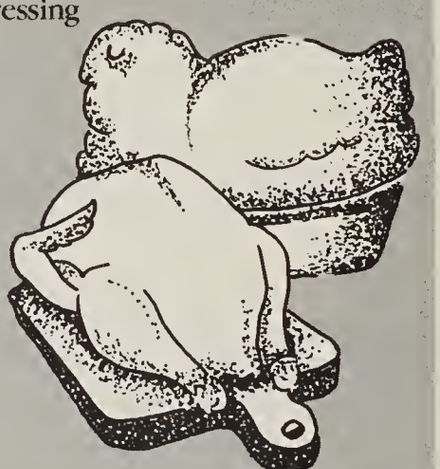

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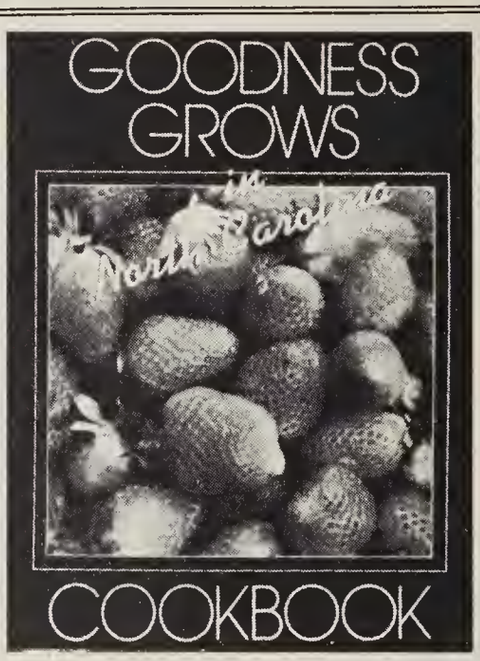

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NCEMC Adopts Environmental Protection Pledg

The Board of Directors of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) has adopted a resolution pledging the co-op organization to pursue power supply options with "a minimal impact on the environment."

The resolution says NCEMC "will continue an aggressive, and comprehensive plan to develop and implement demand side programs with its member cooperatives, including energy efficient technologies and renewable energy resources."

In addition, the statement calls for NCEMC to continue its support for state and national research efforts designed to develop "improved demand and supply options that will assure protection of the environment."

NCEMC is a statewide generating and transmission cooperative that provides power to 27 North Carolina rural electric co-ops. The co-ops distribute energy to about 550,000 consumer-members throughout the state.

The resolution was developed to compile the board's previous environmental positions into a single policy statement, according to Wayne D. Keller, NCEMC executive vice president.

"We felt we needed to summarize those positions in a single document to be sure there can be no misunderstanding about our environmental stance," he said.

The text of the statement follows:

"Whereas, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation has the responsibility for providing safe, reliable and economical electric power to its member cooperatives; and

"Whereas, NCEMC believes that protection of the environment i primary concern in providing electric power; and

"Whereas, NCEMC believes that demand side management programs contribute significantly to meeting the energy needs of its members and protection of the environment;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

"NCEMC will continue an aggressive, and comprehensive plan t develop and implement demand side programs with its member coo atives, including energy efficient technologies and renewable energy sources;

"NCEMC will pursue economically feasible supply side options have a minimal impact on the environment;

"NCEMC will continue to work with its member cooperatives t strengthen the member input process through member committees open forums; and

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25	Roanoke, Rich Square	Registration: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	Co-op Headquarter Annual Meeting Ar Rich Square
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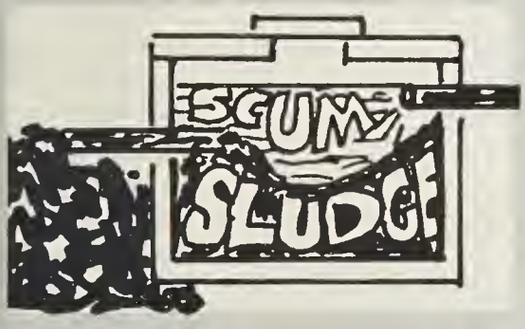

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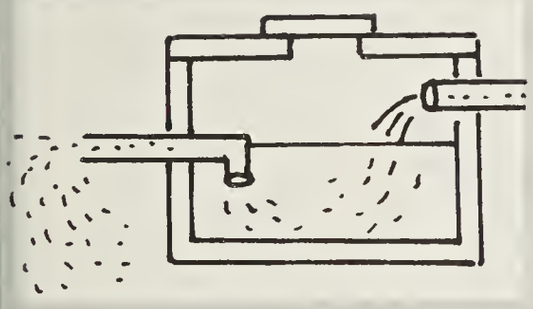

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For the best quality, it is usually best to leave pears on the tree until they are mature. However, the quality of pears harvested when the green color is beginning to turn yellow can be improved by storing them at 60 to 65 degrees until they are soft.

Tend Dahlias

After their first crop of blooms, cut dahlias back to about half their growth. Give them a light application of fertilizer at that time.

Following this treatment, the plants will branch and produce a good crop of autumn flowers. To avoid crooked stems, plants should be staked. Wire cages used to support tomato plants are good supports for dahlia plants.

Water Dilutes Spray Control

Always check the weather forecast for chances of rain before applying any pesticide to your trees, shrubs, flowers or lawn. When watering plants, always do so about 24 hours before the pesticide treatment. This allows time for the plant to absorb moisture and for the foliage to dry.

Moisture on the leaves will dilute the concentration of the spray.

Fire Blight

If there are dead branches in your pyracantha, apple or pear tree, with wilted leaves still clinging to the twigs, it's a good bet that the plant has a fire blight infection.

This destructive bacterial disease is best controlled now by pruning. When making cuts, prune at least a foot below the dead part of the twig. This insures the removal of all infected wood.

Dip the pruning shears in a 10 percent bleach solution between cuts. This prevents transmitting the disease to healthy wood.

Starting Perennials

Many perennial flowers can be started from seed at this time. By planting pansy seed now, you may have blooms before Christmas.

Other perennials to plant now for blooms next year are fox glove, Shasta dai hollyhock, foxgl gaillardia, delphi and gloriosa dai

Dry Herbs Fo Winter Seaso

Now's time t herbs for winte Pick tender you sprigs just befo blossoms open obtain the best flavors.

Rosemary, m ram, savory and ano dry well in attic or shaded port or breezev Some prefer to herbs on a pape in a frost-free re ator. They feel t such drying ret the flavor and a color.

Clip And Save

Although we teach children not t chew on plant parts such as leaves, flo and berries, they sometimes forget an attracted to colorful plants. Some plan can cause sickness, and a few plants ca cause severe illnesses.

It is worthwhile to keep the toll-f phone number of the Duke Poison Co Center in a handy spot to use it to get quick advice on treatment should a ch chew and/or eat part of a plant. This s vice also will advise you about the trea ment of "accidents" with any household materials and chemicals that may have been ingested. Most doctors keep this number handy:

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By Hank Smith

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You'll want to keep the weeds and grass under control in the vegetable garden. They do much damage by competing with crops for moisture and nutrients. Some weeds are carriers of seed-borne virus diseases that damage some crops. Mulching helps control weeds and saves moisture.

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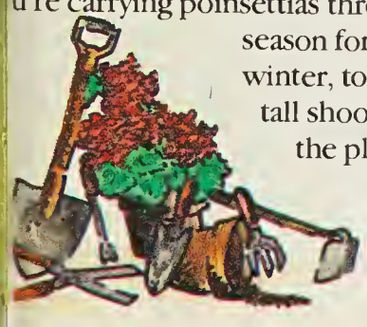

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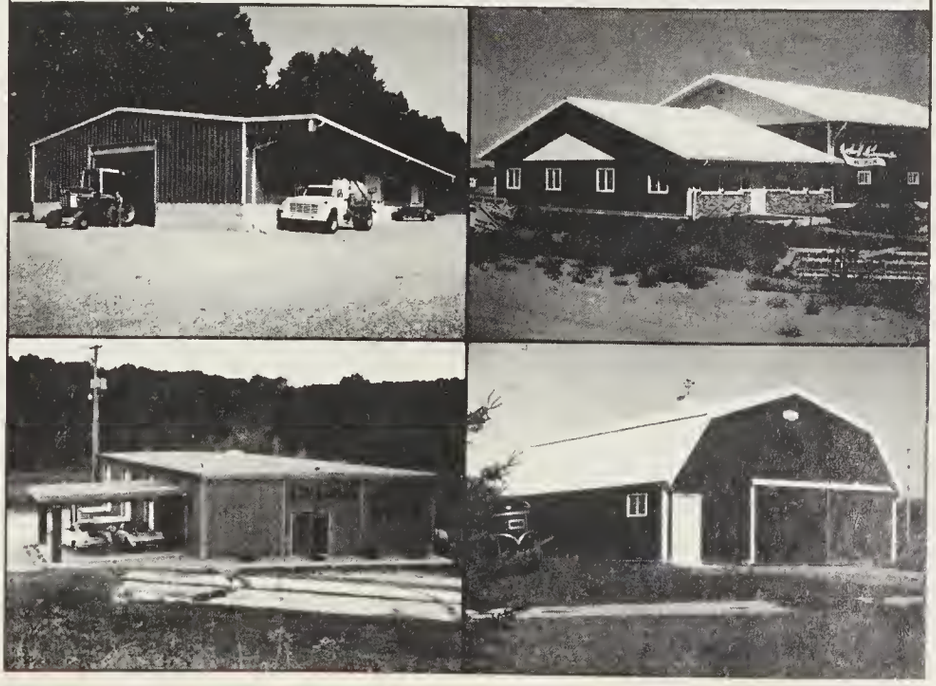
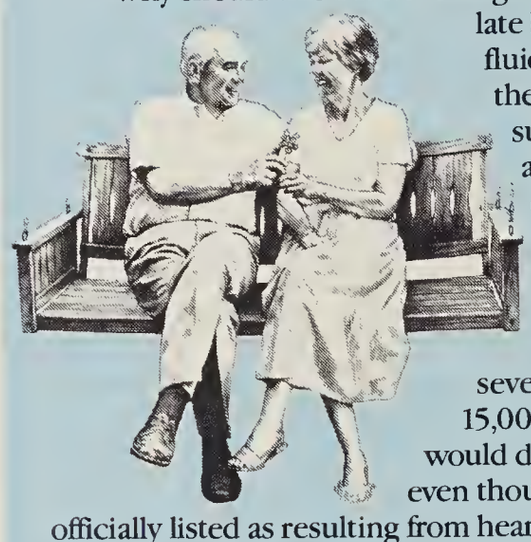


Most U.S. Heatstroke Deaths Claim Victims Above Age 50

When the weather gets hot this summer, a lot of people will die as a result. Two out of three—actually, 70 percent—will be above the age of 50.

Why should this be? As folks get older, their ability to regulate body temperature and fluids gets less effective and they are much more apt to suffer from chronic illness and take prescription medicines. Many of them live alone, and some do not have even a room air conditioner.



One projection several years ago estimated that 15,000 people across the U.S. would die from heat-related illness, even though many of the deaths are officially listed as resulting from heart attacks or strokes.

The body's basic defense against hot weather is sweating. The skin of older folks contains fewer sweat glands and therefore cannot dissipate heat as well. Older folks also tend to get dehydrated more readily, due to loss of kidney function.

So if you have family members or friends who are older, help them keep their cool.

In case of an attack, what can be done?

In case of heatstroke, often called sunstroke even though it can occur day or night, indoors or out, medical attention should be provided instantly. Move the heatstroke victim to the coolest possible place, remove clothing and wrap the victim in a cold, wet sheet. Or sponge with tepid or cold water. Then fan the victim, with an electric fan, hand-held fan or even a hair dryer set on cold.

With heat exhaustion, which is less severe than heatstroke, lay the victim in a cool place, with feet slightly raised. Loosen tight clothing. Give the victim water to drink, adding a teaspoonful of salt to each quart of water.

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outhern States Cooperative will build a 6-million full-line feed mill in Farmville, ing a 30-year-old facility currently operat- the same site.

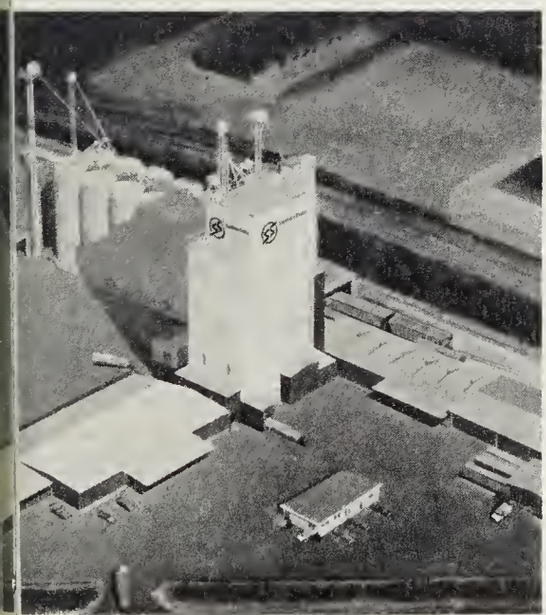
he new mill will contain the most ad- l feed production equipment available, ling to Thomas Garnett Jr., vice president, rn States' Feed Division.

large percentage of the mill's capability devoted to producing high quality swine r the steadily growing hog industry in n North Carolina. The mill also will be able ufacture all of Southern States' multiple nes very efficiently, said Bruce Nolte, feed ting manager for the co-op.

wo pelleting systems will produce 80 per- f the mill's capacity of 100,000 tons per total of 20 bulk-load-out bins will be d to ensure fast feed delivery to livestock ers.

he new mill, expected to be on-line by ber, 1991, will be built near the site of sting mill.

his investment should dispel any doubts he extent of Southern States' strong tment to the farmers of North Carolina," t said.



t's rendering of the planned new Southern ed mill in Farmville. The $6 million mill apable of producing 100,000 tons of feed y.

"The advanced technology this mill will contain will enable us to produce the highest quality feed at the lowest possible cost of production."

Charlie Wood, Southern States' regional manager for all of North Carolina, noted that the current mill will continue to operate until the new mill is on line.

"Despite what some people are saying, we have not and do not intend to let any of our patrons down. We're determined to produce high quality feed at a competitive price," Wood said.

"The Board of Directors of Southern States has given us a facility that will do just that."

Dave Ott, manager of swine feed services for the co-op, noted that hog production has enjoyed a steady increase in the eastern part of North Carolina over recent years.

Further growth is expected from the area's highly skilled producers. Hogs now are the state's No. 3 farm commodity in terms of cash receipts, topped only by tobacco and broilers.

Hog producers are especially looking for a high-density, pelleted feed with a high fat content, Ott said. The new mill has been designed to produce such feed at consistent high quality levels.

The co-op, which is headquartered in Richmond, VA, operates three feed mills in North Carolina, including the one in Farmville. Southern States also operates more than 100 retail outlets throughout the state.

The existing mill in Farmville was purchased from FCX cooperative in 1986. In addition to the mill, Southern States operates a warehouse, a transportation area office and a retail outlet at the Farmville location.

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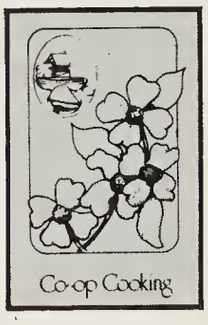

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The Magic Of A Notorious 6-Foot-2 "Loser"

Jeanne Robertson of Burlington says she still holds the distinction of being "the tallest contestant to have ever competed in the Miss America Pageant from any state in the union at any time."

The wise-cracking former Miss North Carolina, who has made a career out of poking fun at herself and others on the banquet-and-convention circuit, hastens to add that she's also the tallest contestant "ever to *lose* in the Miss America Pageant."

She doesn't even find solace in the fact that she left the Atlantic City pageant with the Miss Congeniality title, which is bestowed through a vote of all the contestants.

Jeanne believes it was an expression of sympathy because the title usually goes to "the contestant the others believe to be *least likely* to win the title of Miss America."

In any event, this 6-foot-2 "loser" has somehow managed to rise above these early setbacks to become a widely-recognized professional funny lady, who makes more than 130 appearances a year.

Her podium act has won her numerous accolades: Larry Wilde, a best-selling author on the subject of humor, has called her, "America's first lady of humor." *Quote* magazine has twice named her as one of the top 10 most quotable humorists in America, ranking her with the likes of Mark Russell and Lewis Grizzard. The National Speakers Association has cited her as one of the nation's top speakers.

Using silly songs, audience participation and tales of her travails as a "high pockets" starting at age 13, Jeanne makes her audiences think while shaking with laughter. Her message is simple: we all need to look for the humor around us and use it to cope with life's stresses.

Now the former teacher/basketball coach has put that message—and many of her tales—into an entertaining book, *The Magic of Genie,* which prescribes seven "potions" for developing and enhancing a sense of humor.

The hardcover book, published by Rich Publishing Co. of Houst (216 pages, $14.95), calls for people to laugh at themselves, even in stressful and unpleasant situations; look for humor in everyday expe ences; create their own humor; associate with those who have a sen humor; help others develop a sense of humor; take humor breaks an collect humor cues.

The book is filled with delightful stories about Jeanne's experie many of them related to her size and how people react to it:

- She arrived early at a school auditorium for a rehearsal of a b pageant she was emceeing. Having come directly from a tennis gam was still wearing her tennis dress. When two men came in to get thi in order for the pageant, they kept eyeing her.

As they approached, she braced herself for the usual questions her height and her beauty pageant titles. Instead, they asked if she w the famous tennis player who had been a man but "now is a woman. assured them she had never been a man and would never be anythin but a woman.

One of the men hit the other on the shoulder and said, "See, I t you. You can't always go by *big legs."*

- Another incident occurred when Jeanne visited a grocery sto where she doesn't normally shop. Two clerks stared at length until asked, "How tall are you, honey?"

Jeanne said she was 6-foot-2. The clerk said she and her friend couldn't believe she was that tall.

A Jeanne Fan From "Waaaaay Back"

I think it's only fair to point out that I've been an outright fa of Jeanne Robertson ever since my first encounter with the tall beauty 27 years ago.

She was then Jeanne Swanner, newly crowned Miss North Carolina, 1963. I was a fresh-out-of-Carolina reporter for the Bur lington *Times-News* and I'd somehow drawn the assignment of interviewing her about her pageant performance and the excitin year ahead.

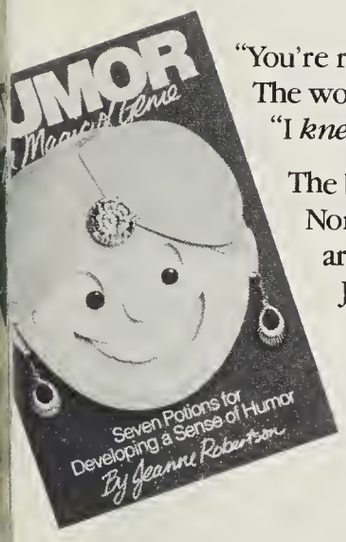
The interview was great fun and it gave me one of those ma lous stories that flow almost effortlessly from the minute you sit down to write. Jeanne was eminently quotable even then.

I later helped with coverage of her exploits in Atlantic City soon lost track of her after leaving the *Times-News* the next year.

Our paths didn't cross again until a couple of years ago whe she was speaking at the Annual Meeting of the statewide rural el tric co-op organization. After her program, we recalled that earl interview in her family's Graham home.

That contact led her to send me a copy of her book after it published in January. She signed it: "To Owen Bishop, a friend fr waaaaay back!"

By Owen Bishop



"You're right," Jeanne said, "I'm five-fourteen." The woman drew herself up proudly and said, "I *knew* you weren't over no *six feet tall!*"

The book is available at most bookstores in North Carolina but autographed copies are available at the same price from Jeanne at 2905 Forestdale, Burlington, NC 27215. Or call her toll-free number: (800) 962-6268. Use the same address and phone number to inquire about booking her for a speaking engagement.

itish Lad Claims Guinness Record

The terminally-ill British youth we mentioned last month as a ender for a world record for get-well cards received has dy been assured of an entry in the 1991 *Guinness Book of d Records.*

Craig Shergold of Carshalton, South London, has received than 16 million cards—so many that his family is making als through the media for people to stop sending the get-well es.

The 10-year-old boy, who suffers from a rare form of brain er, had surgery in January, 1988, that removed three-quarters rain tumor. Doctors say chemotherapy and radiotherapy have the disease from spreading into his spinal cord.

The get-well cards began flooding into the Shergold home Craig's interest in the world record was mentioned in chain essages that were transmitted around the globe. Each fax l the recipient to distribute the plea for cards to 10 associates.

"The faxes went to every country where the fax is known, and you look at the third generation of faxes, the arithmetic gets ening," said Donald McFarlan, editor of the record book. Craig's cards are being recycled and the used stamps sold, rais- ore than $34,000 thus far for leukemia research and the Royal len Hospital, where the boy gets weekly treatments.

Since Craig has already claimed the world record, you may no r be interested in sending him a card. But in case you are, I point out that his address had a couple of typos as it appeared June column. The correct address is: 36 Shelby Road, Carshal- urrey SNA LTD, England.

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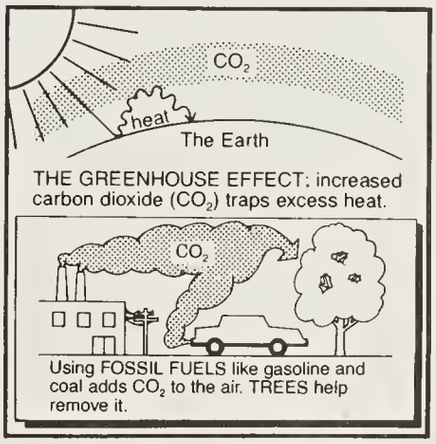
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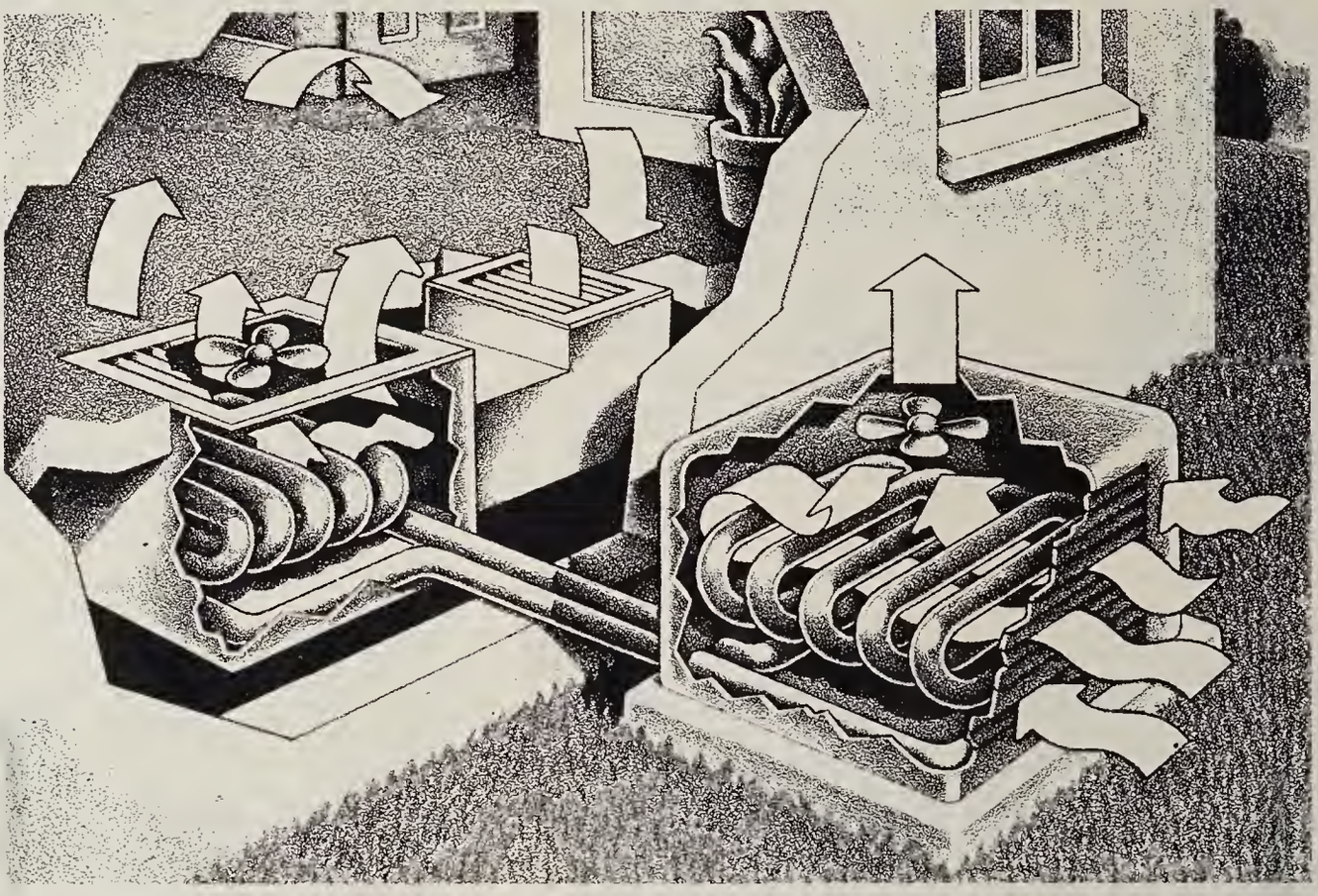

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